



City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

Volume Two, Issue 4a



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents:

After suffering through several years of very slow construction activity, the City of Westminster is beginning to see some hopeful signs of recovery. The Shoppes of Meadow Creek will add three new businesses over the summer months: the Young School, a regional, private pre-school which is already under construction and is slated to open September 1 in time for the school year; Walgreen's Pharmacy and IHOP will begin construction soon and expect to be open by November. Another developer is exploring options for a new business at the former Lonestar Restaurant location.

Union Crossing, under the sponsorship of the Episcopal Housing Corporation, has four new homes for sale on Union Street. These homes are now ready for occupancy. More details about these homes can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

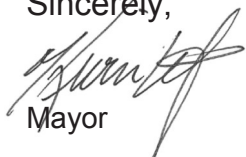
The Common Council approved a number of capital improvement projects for implementation this coming fiscal year. The first of these—replacement of storm drains on East Green Street and Fitzhugh Avenue—has been awarded to Thomas, Bennett & Hunter (TBH) and work is expected to begin in September.

Using funds awarded by Program Open Space Community Parks and Playground Program, the City Recreation Department has awarded a contract for the total replacement of the Bishop's Garth playground. In addition, City Park and Dutterers Park benefitted from Project Open Space funds with upgrades for handicap accessibility improvements.

The Maryland Energy Agency awarded the City \$160,000 in grant and no-interest loan funds to retrofit City-owned properties with new lighting fixtures. City Hall, 56 W. Main Street, the Family Center, Public Works facility, Police Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Longwell and Westminster Square parking garages will be included in this retrofit project. With over 500 fixtures replaced, the City will achieve significant savings in future energy bills and will also be eligible to receive substantial rebates from BGE for installing the energy-efficient fixtures.

And, since it is never too soon to start planning, we have begun our preparations for the second annual **ELECTRIC PARADE** to light up the sky in Westminster on November 27th. I hope you are getting your electric float ready—the competition for best float will be very competitive this year! Go to the City's website at www.westminstermd.gov for your application and further details.

Sincerely,


Mayor

Antiques Appraisal Day: Saturday, September 11, 2010

On Saturday, September 11th from 10am to 4pm at Carroll Post #31, American Legion, the Historical Society of Carroll County will host the 10th Annual Antiques Appraisal Day. This event benefits the Historical Society and will feature 10 appraisers in varying disciplines providing verbal estimates of value on antiques, furniture, fine art and collectibles. This is a unique event in Carroll County, and specialists will appraise items like quilts and coverlets, dolls and toys, clocks and watches, coins, silver and jewelry. This year's event has been the largest annual fundraiser for the Historical Society for the past several years. Gold level sponsors are BB&T Bank, Lehigh Cement, New Windsor State Bank and Tevis Oil/Modern Comfort Systems. Silver sponsors are Antrim 1844, Carroll Land Services, Inc., MSK Partners, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and Sundance Consulting, LLC. Doors open to the public at 10am, the charge is \$20 for the first item, \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third. Item limit is 3 per admission. Seating is available for attendees' comfort and convenience. Lunch, snacks, and beverages are available from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion. Appraisers include James Y. Callear, ISA of Barnesville Antiques & Appraising; Aloysia C. Hamalainen, ISA, AM, ASEA of Montgomery Appraisal Services; Lyndi McNulty of Gizmos Art; Michael Merrill of Michael A. Merrill, Inc.; Todd Peenstra of Peenstra Antique Appraisals; Kim Prehm of Unique Jewelry; N. Kenzie Smith of N. Kenzie Smith & Sons, Inc; Laura Turner of Frizellburg Antiques; and Fred Winer, ISA, CAPP of Appraisal Solutions, Inc.

Union Crossing Homes Ready For Sale!

The NEW Union Crossing town homes are completed!!

The homes will be sold to low to moderate-income families. Union Crossing is located near the intersection of Union Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, adjacent to McDaniel College.

The townhouses were built utilizing modular construction designed to match the existing architecture and fabric of the neighborhood. The homes are 1,450 square feet with three bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, and a full, unfinished basement.

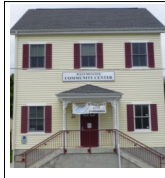
The homes are equipped with Energy Star appliances and each home has a covered front porch, back yard and two dedicated parking spaces. The home sales prices will range from \$207,900 to \$209,900, with a soft second mortgage in the amount of \$33,333 provided by the HOME funds.

Continued in next column...

This subsidy will reduce the purchase price to \$174,600 - \$176,000, which is affordable to households at or below 80 percent of area median income. For information on purchasing one of these homes, OR if you want to see one first hand, contact Sandy Anderson in the Administrative Offices building at 56 West Main Street, or by calling 410-751-5505 or by email at sanderson@westgov.com.



2010 Westminster Community Center Volunteer Recruitment



Have you ever wanted to teach, inspire others, share your knowledge or give back to your community? *Here is your opportunity....*

Think about you or your organization:

What is your hobby? Quilting; Dancing; Singing?

What are your career interests? Financial Planning; Computer Support; Karate or Yoga?

Are you part of a local club/organization? Historical Society; Antique Automobile Club; Bird watching Club?

Do you support a cause? Environmental Action; Single Parent Support;; Adopt a Soldier?

Use the Westminster Community Center to provide a program, class or service to your community:

Who? ANYBODY! No experience in teaching is required....just the desire to add value to your community. Share your interest, hobby or career!

How often? If you teach a course, lead a group, or host a program, at the Center, you can meet whatever time works best with your schedule!

What time? For one to two hours, any time slot between 9 am and 2 pm; OR between 7 pm and 9 pm

Interested? Contact the Board of Shalom at 410-386-013 or westminstercommunitycenter@gmail.com

Westminster Police Department



SHARE YOUR CRIME TIPS ANONYMOUSLY!

Use your cell phone to text a crime tip
anonymously to the Westminster Police
Department



To Text Your Tip:

- Text to **TIP411** (847411)
- Type **TIPWPD**
- Type your message **(100% ANONYMOUS)**
- Send Message



36 Locust Street
Westminster, MD 21157
Ph: 410-848-4646
WestminsterPolice.com

Recreation & Parks Department Summer Programs



Mother/Son Date: October 6

"Rocker"

Daddy/Daughter Date: October 13

"Tie Dye"

Events held at Martin's Westminster from 6:30-9pm. \$60 per couple. Boys and Girls must be in K-8th. The evening includes dinner, dancing, games, door prizes, a 5x7 photo of couple, parting gifts and so much more!

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND MUST BE PREPAID. A COUPLE IS CONSIDERED ONE ADULT AND ONE CHILD. NO EXCEPTIONS. Tickets are on sale now! Space is limited.



October 26 Halloween Parade

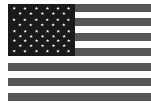
Join us for the annual Halloween parade in Historic Downtown Westminster. All participants can register at 6pm on Monroe St. near Dutterer's Park. The parade will begin at 7pm down Pennsylvania Ave. and continue down Main St. ending on Longwell Ave. This event is coordinated by The American Legion Post #31. Call 410-857-7953 for more information.

October 30 Halloween Bench Press

The Westminster Family Fitness Center is sponsoring the 6th Annual Halloween Bench Press Competition at 11am. The cost to register is \$50. Registration forms can be returned to The Family Center or at GNC in Cranberry Square Shopping Center. Registration deadline is October 10th. Registrations submitted after the deadline must pay \$70. Those entering more than one division will be charged \$70. *For more information call 410-751-5501.*

November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony

This remembrance service will be held at 4pm at the Westminster Armory (11 Longwell Avenue). The service is open to the public. *For more information call The American Legion Post #31 at 410-857-7953 or 410-876-0746.*



November 22-24 Fall Holiday Camp

Do you need a safe and fun place to send your 6-10 year old children over the holiday break? Let us help! Register now for fun filled days of crafts, games, sports and snacks. Camp will be held Monday November 22 through Wednesday November 24. Register for one day or all three. Cost is \$20 per day per child with an additional \$5 per day per child fee for before care (7-9) and after care (4-6). Participants need to bring a bagged lunch and a drink. Snacks will be provided. Dress to get messy and have FUN! Registration and emergency information are required.



FESTIVAL HOURS

9/23 6pm-10pm
Parade at 7PM
9/24 6pm-10pm
Midnight Madness 6pm-12am
9/25 10am-10pm
9/26 12pm-6pm

September 23-26

Come celebrate our 32nd year with the whole family!

Proceeds from this event benefit Access Carroll, Carroll County Youth Services Bureau, the Taneytown Lions Club and the Lions Club of Westminster.

Enjoy carnival rides, live entertainment and great food! On Saturday and Sunday enjoy over 100 craft and commercial vendors gathered for your shopping pleasure. Parking, Admission and Entertainment is FREE.

Be sure to visit the Kids Court and stop by the big tent to make a scarecrow to take home.

More information on Page 6.

Westminster Family Fitness Center

11 Longwell Avenue, 410-751-5501

www.westminstermd.gov/recreation/rec_family

The Family Fitness Center is a Full Service Health and Wellness Center for all Ages.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| • 19 Circuit Stations | • Family Lounge |
| • 9 Plate Loaded Stations | • Foosball |
| • Smith Machine | • Air Hockey |
| • Squat Rack | • TV with DVD Player |
| • Free Weights | • Arcade |
| • Cross Trainers | • Play Station Room |
| • Treadmills | • Zumba Classes |
| • Stairmasters | • Basket Ball Court |
| • Concept II Rower | • Aerobic Classes |
| • Showers | • Locker Rooms |

Open 7 days a week

Memberships and daily guest fees are applicable. Call for rates or to ask about renting the Gymnasium. Featuring an exceptional child supervision area with an amazing staff.

MEMBERSHIPS STARTING AS LOW AS \$25!

Hours

Monday-Thursday-5:30am to 10pm
Friday-5:30am to 9pm
Saturday-8am to 5pm
Sunday-12pm to 5pm

Carroll Arts Center Events: September



Friday, September 3, 7:30pm: Piano Virtuoso Thomas Pandolfi. The performance will celebrate the 200th anniversaries of the birth of three of the greatest composers of all time, Franz Liszt, Robert Schumann and Frederic Chopin. Thomas Pandolfi is an exciting virtuoso who, with each

passing season, is becoming more and more sought after by audiences, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique. During the 2008-09 season, Pandolfi performed debut recitals in Canada, Germany and China, appeared the The Aberystwyth Symphony in Wales, and toured twice throughout Eastern Europe, both in recital and as guest soloist with orchestras. He also performed during last season with a number of American symphony orchestras, and presented recitals throughout the United States. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors.



Friday, September 9, 7:30pm: FLICC presents *Harvard Beats Yale 29-29, 2008*, PG, 105 mins. Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) has chosen to celebrate one of America's most heated gridiron rivalries by screening this acclaimed documentary. For the first time since 1909, the Yale and Harvard football teams are both undefeated as they meet for their final game. Audiences will be at the edge of their seats with excitement as both teams fight to win in this surprisingly artful motion picture. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors.



Saturday, September 18, 7:30pm: "The Scarlet Letter" performed by The National Players. "The Scarlet Letter" is the stark and allegorical tale of adultery, guilt, and social repression in Puritan New England and is considered a foundational work of American literature. Nathaniel Hawthorne's unforgettable story explores the conflict of human emotion and human intellect. Hawthorne's timeless story is brilliantly brought to life by the National Players in this unforgettable production. The production is generously sponsored by Random House. Copies of the book will be for sale with proceeds benefitting the Arts Council's College Scholarship program. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors.

Friday, September 24, 8pm: Self-proclaimed "Bad Boys of Celtic Music," The Rogues will perform a live concert. This Texas-based band is one of the biggest names on the Renaissance festival circuit and are best known for their powerful live sets that showcase their bagpipe-based Celtic/world-beat sound. The Rogues have received a combined total of seven gold medals from the World Pipe Band Championships held annually in Scotland. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors.



Saturday, October 9, 9pm and midnight: Annual screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". The campy horror film initially flopped when it was released in 1975, but now claims to be the largest grossing movie that never received a wide release. It has legions of followers and even has an official fan club. The film features a young Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick and Tim Curry as the transvestite Dr.

Frank N. Furter. The evening will start with a Time Warp Refresher Course so everyone is ready to dance when the appropriate time comes in the film. There will be wickedly decadent prizes for the best costumes and a few special surprises thanks to business sponsor Double Diamond Construction. Tickets are \$15 or \$20 for a ticket that includes a goody bag chock-full of all the props you'll need to fully experience this wild cinematic phenomenon. Please note, outside "props" will not be permitted. The film is rated R and runs 100 minutes. FLICC passes and other ticket discounts will not be accepted.

Carroll Arts Center Gallery



8th Annual Members Show, August 12-October 2: The Carroll County Arts Council will be hosting the 8th annual Members Art Exhibit. Nearly 110 entries are expected for the exhibition that has now become an annual tradition.

This show will feature a wide range of styles and mediums including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and fine crafts. Most works are for sale. Artistic Excellence awards will be presented at the opening reception to those with the highest combined scores

An opening reception, hosted by the Carroll County Artists Guild will be held on Thursday, August 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. It is free and open to the public. The exhibit is generously sponsored by Ruth Gray & Lloyd Helt.

The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main Street in Westminster and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

HOLIDAY EVENTS PAGE

Westminster Fallfest Parade

September 23rd at 7pm. The parade will start at Dutterer Family Park on Monroe Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and will continue down Main Street ending on Longwell Avenue.



Westminster Fallfest Midnight Madness

Held **September 24th from 6pm to Midnight.** Experience the sights, scents, and sounds of an autumn evening in downtown Historic Westminster. A variety of businesses will be open for your shopping pleasure. Live entertainment, antique cars, and much more will be available. Parking is FREE. NO PETS PLEASE!

Westminster Fallfest

September 23-26, this annual event benefits Access Carroll, Carroll County Youth Services Bureau, the Taneytown Lions Club and the Lions Club of Westminster. Enjoy carnival rides, live entertainment, and great food. On Saturday and Sunday enjoy over 100 crafters and commercial vendors gathered for your shopping pleasure. NO PETS PLEASE. www.westminsterfallfest.com

Entertainment

Featured on the Main Stage:

Sept 23rd 6-10—Crossfire

<http://www.myspace.com/crossfire4hire>

Sept 24th 6-10—JD Henley & the Stone Broke Band

<http://www.jayhenley.com/index.html>

Sept 25th 6-10—Robert Allen Blues Band

<http://www.robertallenbluesband.com/index.html>

Sept 26th 1-5—The Back Pages Band

<http://www.thebackpagesband.com/>



The Historic Westminster Holiday House Tour

Where? Belle Grove Square Neighborhood

What? An evening of tours of historic homes, holiday entertainment, yummy treats and fun!

When? December 11, 2010 from 4 pm to 8 pm

Tickets? On sale for \$10 in advance \$12 at the door starting November 8, 2010 at 56 West Main Street administrative office, City Hall and various Downtown Westminster merchants

Questions? Please Contact Melissa Hynes at mhynes@westgov.com or at 410-848-7967

Save the Date – November 27, 2010!

The Miracle on Main Street Holiday Event Returns to Downtown Westminster!!!

Santa Claus is coming to town again in a big way, as the Miracle on Main Street Holiday Event returns on Saturday, November 27th. The highlight of the event is Westminster's Holiday Electric Parade. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., with lighted floats (2,000+ lights on each float), marching bands, horses, exotic cars, and marching units, Santa Claus will parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street into Historic Downtown Westminster to the awe and amazement of young and old alike.

But wait... there's more! Immediately after the parade, head over to Locust Lane Park and join Mayor Utz and Santa in lighting the City's holiday tree, awarding the Mayor's Cup for the best downtown holiday storefront, and the singing of holiday carols accompanied by the Westminster Municipal Band.

Closing out the day's free activities will be Santa's Treat at the Westminster Family Fitness Center, 11 Longwell Avenue, beginning at 6:30pm. Santa's Treat is a fun winter carnival, geared to children ages 5-12 years, with games, crafts, face painting and door prizes! Santa Claus will be there greeting and visiting with his fans after the tree lighting.

To find out more about The Miracle on Main Street Holiday Event and what else is happening in Downtown that day, visit <http://westminstermd.gov/mainstreet/mainstreetholidayevent.html>, beginning October 1st.